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Plague epidemic in Kobe.

The following cablegram was received from Sanitary Inspector Eldridge:

• YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, November 15, 1899.

Plague is now present in Kobe in epidemic form.

ELDRIDGE.

WYMAN, *Treasury, Washington.*

November 16 he was directed by cable to employ a physician for duty in the office of the consul at Kobe, and to instruct him in his duties, the State Department concurring.

MEXICO.

Reports from the City of Mexico, Monterey, and San Luis Potosi.

CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, October 31, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: At the City of Mexico, for the week ended October 30, 82 passengers were inspected, 72 passed, and 8 detained and baggage (11 pieces) disinfected. For the same period 5 cars and 73 barrels of oranges from Yantepec were passed. At Monterey, for the week ended October 28, 84 passengers were inspected, 81 passed, and 3 detained and baggage (2 pieces) disinfected. At San Luis Potosi, for the week ended October 28, 11 passengers were inspected and passed. The health of Monterey is still reported to be good.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, November 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended November 2: Cases of yellow fever, 7; deaths, 2; deaths from pernicious fever, 2; from tuberculosis, 10, and from all causes, 33.

The yellow fever record for the month of October was 36 cases and 14 deaths, and the deaths from tuberculosis were 31.

Yellow fever is endemic here, but as the population is now practically immune there is little danger of another epidemic in the near future. Plans have been completed for the introduction of a complete sewerage system, and waterworks. When this work is undertaken, there will be danger of an outbreak of fever, both on account of tearing up the streets and because of the introduction of nonimmune labor from the interior. The past epidemic has depopulated the ranks of the laborers to such an extent that it will be impossible to undertake any large contract without the importation of labor.

Respectfully,

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